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1. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE DECISION ON THE SCOPE OF THE HARZA WATER SURVEY SHOULD BE BASED ON TWO CONSIDERATIONS. FROM THE ECONOMIC VIEWPOINT, THE MORE BROADLY BASED THE STUDY THE BETTER. THERE HAVE BEEN ENORMOUS CHANGES IN WATER USAGE DURING THE MORE THAN TWO DECADES SINCE THE JOHNSTON PLAN WAS PUBLISHED. WE BELIEVE THAT FRESH INFORMATION IS DESIRABLE FOR THE REASONS CITED IN PARAGRAPH 2(A) THROUGH (E) IN REF A. AS TO THE POLITICAL HALF OF THE QUATION ON THE SCOPE OF WORK, WE ARE HESITANT TO PREDICT GOI REACTIONS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH URGING THEIR COOPERATION FOR A BROAD-BASED STUDY IF THERE IS SOME PROSPECT OF THE GOJ AGREEING TO THIS. NO DOUBT DEVIOUS MINDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE JORDAN CAN FIND UNINTENDED IMPLICATIONS IN WHATEVER GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS THE STUDY HAS. RATHER THAN TAILOR OUR PRESENTATION
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TO THESE FALSE PERCEPTIONS, WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE FIRST U.S. PROPOSAL BE IN KEEPING WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE VALID ECONOMIC/TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS. FALL-BACK POSITIONS CAN BE DIVISED SHOULD THEY BE NEEDED.

2. WE ARE ALWAYS PLEASED TO HAVE SY TAUBENBLATT COME HERE. A LATE JUNE VISIT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF THERE

HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS MEANWHILE TOWARD RESOLVING THE
BASIC GOI/GOJ DIFFERENCES. EVEN IF THAT IS NOT
POSSIBLE, IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE FOR TAUBENBLATT TO
PROVIDE ALON AND OTHERS WITH HIS VIEW OF WHERE WE GO
FROM HERE. WE DOUBT THERE WILL BE ANY CHANGES
IN THE GOI POSITION IN THE INTERIM.
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